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Country Fair, Big Holiday, both are ripe in the Valley of the Moon

Comes now the Labor day holiday—last of the summer season. Next good one is Thanksgiving, skipping a few in-betweens like Admission day, Columbus day, Veterans day (Armistice), and the “grand opening” of school.

Always hated school ourselves, though we got good marks always (in everything except what is now classed as mathematics). Tied with Arthur Johnson and Bessie Bowler for high in the class. Art and your reporter studied very little; it just sank in. Bessie worked overtime at her studies all the time.

RENT A TYPEWRITER. Mighty useful for school work. Low cost.

Some good used ones for sale. **BILL ESTMENT.** Phone WE 8-2971.

They're predicting 480 traffic deaths over the Labor day weekend. If you can get away with it, stay home. Enjoy your backyard, television, or anything, and delay your trip for another week or so. You're a good driver, considerate and careful, but many of the other drivers on the road aren't that kind.

VALLEY WATCH REPAIR. Now—New Location. Former Becker Real Estate, Hiway 12. Expert repair work. Enlarged stocks. Bands.

There's plenty to do right at home. There's the Country Fair, which may be the start of an annual celebration that'll put the Hot Springs area on the map for good. And every recreation spot in this wonderful Valley is expecting (and will get) its biggest crowd of the season. Try any of them—for good food, beverages, swimming, entertainment of all kinds. Why not make this a “Stay in the Valley” holiday?

SCHOOL SUPPLIES. Be ready. Levis. Tennis Shoes. Everything you'll need to wear and use. **BOYES VARIETY STORE,** Hwk. 12.

Everybody should register, of course. We've been asked "where" register in the Springs area. You've got a choice. Register with the Larson Liquor store or L. E. "Bud" Castner Agencies, both in the business district of Boyes Hot Springs. If you aren't properly registered you just don't vote November 6. And with the big contest on, the clash of two platforms and divergent ideas of how the government should be run, you really ought to get in on it.

BOYES SPRINGS FOOD CENTER. Orange stamps. Fine foods for your Labor Day gathering. Picnic supplies. Beverages.

An employe sat at the table after breakfast, engrossed in his newspaper for over an hour. Finally he asked for another cup of coffee. "Coffee!" yelled his wife. "Look at the time. Aren't you going to the office today?" "Office?" exclaimed the man. "Heavens! I thought I was at the office."

RUSTIC INN, Glen Ellen. Authentic old-time western atmosphere, but modern know-how when it comes to tasty beverages.

That Country Fair, sponsored by the Boyes Springs Merchants association, looms up as quite an affair. It runs Saturday and Sunday, opening at noon both days.

Location is the former Hammond lumber yard, expanding into the Woodleaf market parking lot. There'll be booths all over the place, with games and food and even some bingo. Nearly a score of more or less local organizations will manage the booths, their profits, if any, going to their own particular civic benefit programs.

Ticket buyers get to see a one-hour tag wrestling match, with San Francisco heavies vying for the winners' purses. There's a pretty good car filled with \$150 worth of groceries, to be won by somebody. You can dance in the streets to good orchestra music. There's a two-person free trip to Las Vegas. You'll not lack for excitement during the entire two days.

Ken Phillips is general manager of the fair, and he promises a major entertainment fiesta which may well become the biggest thing of its kind in the entire Valley.

GEORGE'S MEATS, at Boyes Springs Food Center. Mighty good stockup center for Labor Day and every day. Try our steaks!

Saturday night there's a firemen's ball at Keaton's Shack, which ought to interest many of the young—and older. Every year the local volunteers count on this event to enlarge their treasury, to purchase needed auxiliary equipment for the local department, one of the finest in the country.

BANCROFT NURSERY, Sonoma. Time for that fall garden. We've got seeds, bulbs, plants, trees, garden utensils, fertilizers.

So the big labor bosses (not unanimously, however) think they can swing the "labor" vote to the dems! They didn't make it in 1952 and there seems no reason to believe they can, this year, or ever. Little Adlai of course is the dems' best bet, but exactly what qualifies him as a national leader? He was a mediocre governor of Illinois. He took a hurried trip around the world. But that hardly qualifies him as an expert in foreign affairs. Or domestic!

WOODLEAF MARKET, Boyes, for lowest prices in the Valley. Fast, efficient service, and quality products are stocked in quantity.

Opening of a new session of public schools is just around the corner—september 11 this year. And all local schools are expecting bigger enrollments than ever. Wonder when the school authorities will start thinking about using the school plants to capacity (instead of adding more classrooms)—12 months a year, and more hours per day, with some staggering of classes necessary. Might take some ingenuity to work out proper schedules, but what are we paying them for if not for some constructive thinking?

RUGGLES VARIETY STORE, Sonoma. School Supplies. Headquarters for everything for the home, garage, back yard. Cards.

Our home heating bill hasn't been as low as normally this summer. Afternoons have been warm enough, but actually hot only a very few days. But those early morning hours! On goes the heater, and also the gas meter. It likely won't change in the near future except to get colder oftener and continuously. After that, the holidays are in the offing.

OUR RESORT, El Verano. Stein Club meets here. A friendly tavern. Draft beer. Mixed drinks. A good place to know.

Some claim the small businessmen are suffering under the present administration; farmers too are going to the dogs. But in our visits around, we find the small businessman is overwhelmingly on the republican side, and so are most farmers. Maybe the farmers' cash returns have slumped (per acre) a little, but most farmers are producing more food per acre than ever before and his value in farm land and buildings has doubled in just a few years.

BOYES SPRINGS BATHHOUSE. Hot and cold pools. Mineral baths. Cocktails. Skating. Picnicking. Tourists' paradise.

"Wayward Wind" is one of the late popular songs which has been "rendered" by a host of top singers. Our particular favorite on this number is one Tex Ritter, whom we never heard of before, and don't know anything about now. He's good.

LITTLE SWITZERLAND, El Verano. Big doings over the Labor Day weekend. Watch the dancing. Or join in. Swiss cuisine.

Have seen only one deer bagged by a local hunter—Art Glover was the lucky man. He's promised us some venison too, and we'll cheerfully accept—if and when.

The dove season opens September 1, and it's said there are plenty of them. Coming from the midwest, it seems a shame that doves aren't protected—but there may be reasons against "coddling" them. Somebody please tell us.

THE CHICKEN HOUSE (formerly Lew's). Hiway 12, Boyes. Open 5 a. m. to 10 u. m. Best fried chicken and steaks in town. Try us.

Thought the Chicago Cardinals were coming to the Mission Inn this week, for rest and practice just before their game with the 49ers. But it turns out to be the Philadelphia Eagles who are here. Once here for a few days, they all come back, year after year.

DENNY'S COG CLUB, Boyes. Congenial gathering place for sportsmen and all real people. Wonderful drinkables.

Goodie Knight was a genial host at the republican convention, but he fumbled the ball all during the meeting and probably hurt his standing in the party. Maybe we'd better ditch him and get somebody better equipped for the infighting necessary for a good party leader. In fact, if we had a few thousands, we'd be glad to tackle him. Would we respond to a "draft?" If we couldn't do better than Goodie . . . !

FRANK'S HARDWARE, Castner Bldg., Boyes. Complete stocks and super service. Paints, Tools, Glass, Gardening Supplies.

Tommy: Mom, is it true that we come from dust and will return to dust?

Mom: Yes, dear, that's what the Bible says. Why?

Tommy: Well, I just looked under my bed and there's somebody there, either coming or going.

HOOVER OAKS TRAILER COURT, Hiway 12. Groceries. Shell products. Propane gas. Trailer space in grove for rent.

Honestly, we'd appreciate more letters from readers giving us a little dickens. Here we try to bring up matters of interest, some of them controversial, and it's sad when more people don't rise up and figuratively smite us. Sign your name, but if you so request we'll not use it.

And while we don't claim nor attempt to print all the local news items which many find most interesting, if you'll phone us (WE 8-4500) or mail us the item, betya it'll get in the paper.

FIELDS' AUTO REPAIRS, next to Texaco, Feters Springs. Repairing all makes. Work guaranteed. Charges always low.

Comes an item right up our alley.

Murgatroyd is a big Chester White hog. When 22 pounds in weight he was acquired by the Roseland Lions club, which fed him for

some weeks, then turned him over to another club. Has been around for quite a while now, getting fat and even sassy, now tipping the scales at 280 pounds. He'll be the central attraction at a big barbecue next spring, with Lions from all over coming for the affair.

What's all that got to do with us?

Tuesday night at the Town House, Glen Ellen, Lions from the Montgomery Village club, 10 of 'em, dropped in on the local Lions Club and asked whether it would be all right if they joined in the meeting. It was.

Near the end of the meeting, Chinese firecrackers scared 'ell out of all atendants and the visiting Lions unveiled Murgatroyd. Valley of the Moon Lions must now care for the animal, feed him and house him, till it seems feasible to turn him over to another group—maybe Calistoga or Napa. (Unless, as has been suggested, we-all decide to wind the thing up and have the barbecue right soon. Looks suspicious, when the last we heard the animal was down at Felder's place.

BATH HOUSE BARBER SHOP, open daily except Monday. Fast, efficient work, modern shop. Bob Narcisi your operator. Drop in.

Wangled a big pink orchid dahlia from the Amantes at the Town House. (Fairly good wanglers, quite often.) It measured 10 inches across, one of the big informal decorative class. The bloom came from Peter Yell's nursery in Glen Ellen. Yell has a large supply of these, one of the prettiest of flowers. He's an expert on fuchsias, too, and his nursery would be well worth your visit.

A & B MOVERS, 18985 Sonoma Hwy., El Verano wie. Truck and Trailer Rentals. Moving. Motel. 9x12 Linoleum, only \$7.50.

GLEN ELLEN LIQUOR STORE. On Arnold Drive. Complete selection of fine wines and liquors. "SLIM" WALLACE.

Yes, and Helen O'Neill is now chief cook at Londonside. You'll not regret it if you launch into one of the meals she's so expert in preparing.

FIRESIDE LODGE, Hiway 12 west of Sonoma. Barbecued chicken, chops, steaks, spareribs. Superb food. Cocktails.

SONOMA FURNITURE MART, Broadway. Varied stock. We'll take your old furniture in trade. Upholstering, too.

Got a chance to meet Todd Sorensen and his missus Tuesday night. The Sorensens operate the Oasis club in Reno, and were just winding up a visit here with Carl and Sybil Amante in Sonoma Vista.

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MAC DONALD'S JEWELRY, Sonoma. Expert watch service. Jewelry for everybody. Watches. Shavers. Watch Bands. Rings.

SONOMA MISSION INN, Boyes. Known nationwide as a stand-out hostelry, where good food, drinks and service are superb.

Yep, we've attended two live TV programs, down in Hollywood. One was Jack somebody-or-other, who had a program somewhat like that of Del Courtney's, mostly local, with far too many commercials sprinkled in. Other one was Ken Murray, a real dilley. It has since folded. Went back stage with Johnny Johnson's mother and met Ken, gave him a big black cigar, and chatted a minute or two. One of his attractions at the time was the little western gal whose punch line was "I like the wide open spaces."

Here in the Springs we shouldn't forget we've got a real live star in the movies and on television, Natalie Wood, who comes here frequently. Her uncle is George Sauchenko. Keep your eyes on her—she's due for real stardom.

FRIBERG DRUG STORE, So. Broadway, Sonoma. Prescription specialists. A super drug store, large stocks. Soda fountain, too.

B & L LAUNDROMAT, Fetters. Bring your washing here during the summer months. No labor, fast service, clean clothes!

Shame there aren't any blackeye peas raised in the Valley. They should do well here. They've just gone up in price 2 cents a pound, expected to go higher.

Friend of ours, Ivar Monson living next door, went up to Kenwood, brought us back some pears picked right from the trees. They may not look quite as good but they're as flavorful as any grown up in Lake county.

Good to have nice neighbors, especially if they're good gardeners. We've had beans, carrots, plums, artichokes and whatnot from over the fence, all delicious and so appreciated.

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That young driver of a brilliantly painted purple car should take a few lessons in driving safety and courtesy in the populated areas. The car's conspicuous.

PAUL'S RESORT, Verano. Banquet facilities deluxe. Dancing, Dining. Paul at the organ. One-stop resort. Swim pool.

MENDEL'S CAFE, Boyes laza. Most satisfying food, excellent mixed drinks, efficient service. Pizzas, six varieties. Till 2 a. m.

Now the 49ers have a second quarterback fully as good as Y. A. Tittle, and destined to become the No. 1 signal caller. He's Earl Mor-

rall from Michigan State, All American last year. There's four other Mich. Staters on the squad, which should help in making the 49ers pennant contenders.

With a good S.F. pro team coming up, why not some effort to send a busload or two down for some of the games? Even one. We'll all go.

WALTER GRUNERT AUTO UPHOLSTERY, Fetters Springs. Texaco station. Seat covers, floor mats, truck cushions, interior work. **MIKE & ROSE'S BOYES SPRINGS STORE**. Specials on meats of finest quality, last three days each week. Try our steaks.

A father called to his 6-year-old daughter and explained to her that the gardener had found a lovely little sister for her early that morning in the cabbage patch, and asked her to write her older brother at boarding school and tell him thenews.

Curiosity overtook the father and he read the letter before the postman picked it up. It read: "Dear Jack, you owe me a buck. It's a girl."

MANCUSO WINES, grower-produced. Glen Ellen. Available at every retail outlet. As good as the best, better than most.

ROZARIO'S PALMS INN, Verano. Gathering place for the discriminating. Fine food and excellent bar. **THE INSKEEPS**.

So the postoffice powers that be have decided Boyes Hot Springs won't get its own delivery system out of the local office. Local patrons who don't or won't go to the Boyes office for their mail seem to prefer being served by the Sonoma office, even though it means they must use Sonoma, Calif., their place of residence, even though they live in Boyes. Doesn't seem very patriotic or civic minded to us.

But the district inspector claims that a survey showed most of the Sonoma rural delivery patrons were satisfied with the present setup.

Assuming the survey was honestly conducted (how extensive was it, anyway?), just who counted the votes? Why not let us have a breakdown of the returns? Must we take the word of an official we don't know and who may or may not be biased? Let's bring it all out into the open!

ESPOSTI'S LUNCH ROOM, Hiway 12 in Fetters. Sandwiches. Super Deluxe Hamburgers. Fountain specialties. Out of the ordinary!

RICHFIELD SERVICE, Boyes Springs. Center of town. Fast and efficient service. Accessories. Bud Delaney, Proprietor.

Once, a long time ago, the air around Oregon, Ill., was filled with the weirdest sound anybody thereabouts had ever before heard—a wailing sound, which varied up and down the scale, and struck terror into the hearts of the small fry—maybe the older folks too.

Turned out to be a siren, just about like the one we hear daily

from the Valley of the Moon fire house, but it was new then. Operator of a threshing machine installed a siren on the throttle, and proceeded to mystify the populace. And he succeeded.

The TOWN HOUSE SUPPER CLUB, Glen Ellen. Finest in North California. Excellent food. Cocktails. Entertainment nightly.

POWDER BOX BEAUTY SHOP, Arnold drive near Eldridge. A modern shop, experienced operators. For appointment call 8-2673.

Heard some folks talking about the matter of a series of dams built on the upper reaches of Sonoma river, so as to control floods, assure irrigation water, and likely raise the level of the Valley's water table.

Seems there is some conflict as to who should do the job—the agricultural department or the army engineers. One said the agriculturists or soil conservation district could do the job in two years if given the go ahead sign. Another opinion was that it would take the army engineers 9 to 10 years to do the job.

That's too long a wait. Such a project does take some time, of course, but it shouldn't take 10 years. (Undoubtedly the engineers have their surveys all ready for this project. (If they haven't they should have.) So if we organize our small watershed district, it could go ahead promptly, since the new federal laws provide for appropriating the money, to be paid back over a long period of time.

If the army engineers hereabouts are as slow in their functioning as they are down around Los Angeles, the job never will get done. They've been fiddling with Los Angeles' flood control problems for ages, and have made scarcely a dent in them.

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Women can never expect to be man's equal, until they can sport a large bald spot on top of their heads and still think they are handsome.

LEE STARRETT, Masseur, at Bathhouse, Boyes. Massages, slenderizing. You'll look and feel better. Make it a habit.

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